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PASSING OF THE GRAND ARMY.

In Washington yesterday there was a pageant that called forth the best blood and life of the militant American shown in the First Division of the Expeditionary Force that was first to evade Europe and last to leave. The young soldiers walked with heads erect and with that elan that distinguishes the professional fighter from the amateur. Vibrant with animation and fired with patriotism, they were engaged by the presence of their valiant commander, the gallant young troops marched like machines and presented an immobile front when accepting the salute from the reviewing officer. Such an event as this does not occur in every lifetime and while some criticism has been leveled at President Wilson for not attending this auspicious occasion, his absence was interpreted as nothing more than another manifestation of egotism and intense selfishness. He should have been the central figure in the demonstration as commander in chief of the American armies and it was his duty to see that other engagements dovetailed into the arrangement for the official disbanding of the expeditionary forces. The absence may have been a fortuitous circumstance after all, since it left nothing to detract from the honors lavished on General Pershing.

This event, coming on the heels of another semi-military pageant brings pathetic thoughts to the minds of old and young. Once and that not so many years ago, northern veterans of the Civil War marched by the hundreds of thousands when they came together in national encampments and thus it was for decades of American history. They came in great numbers to the Atlantic coast, the Pacific and to inland cities, year after year, with ranks thinning so slowly that we who stood on the side and cheered the boys in blue scarcely noticed the dwindling, the ebbing away of what had been the greatest of armed forces the world had ever known. And then, suddenly we began seeing the growing gaps in the ranks of blue, the shortening of the line, the aging of the faces and the bodies that marched by reviewing stands upon which Lincoln, Grant, Sheridan, Garfield, Hayes and Logan had stood.

It was the beginning of the end that we saw. Last week in Columbus, O., it was seen more apparently than ever before as the fifty-third national encampment of the Grand Army of the Republic bled but a handful of these brave veterans together. This may be the last time the boys in blue will walk in slow and measured tread before that reviewing stand, and even now the few of a bare half-dozen march is no great effort for their time was brief. And in the early sunset they marched in blue and red. They were coming then, even as the boys of the First Division of the Expeditionary Force at Washington without the presence of the president. The old soldiers are on the same now and their bodies are as brittle as the corridors of time in that great city where all must pass. But our cheers for the younger should not drown out the cry of the older who almost have become a memory, a sacred and glorious memory for all time in American history and the minds of American people. For untold ages after the last of them has passed away they shall live as part of our lives—the four in American lives. The Grand Army of the Republic does not come to exist when the last veteran passes by the reviewing stand of life.

PERILS OF PROHIBITION.

A member of the bootleg squad in Denver was murdered from ambush the other night and a wall from the yellow newspapers arises. The man who was killed shot and killed a young soldier in Denver some two months ago in searching out suspected bootleggers. The young fellow had no contraband goods it was discovered after he was dead. A young lady school teacher riding with her brother in eastern Colorado was shot and killed by the bootleg squad. Federal Judge Rimer was shot at and the bullets perforated his ear. Funeral corteges have been stopped and searched. In no case have the courts or officials of the police given any protection to law-abiding and orderly people from the depredations of the professional gunmen and toughs who constitute the bootleg squads of the state and cities. Klein, who was assassinated had sworn that he shot the young soldier by accident as he stumbled and the court accepted his patent perjury. The court which heard the Klein case and the police officers who retained Klein in the gun service while under the charge of murdering the young soldier contributed definitely and directly to the tragedy of Klein's murder and the people have entirely ceased to expect protection from either source in any of the impositions which they may suffer from the bootleg squads which infest the countryside. The whole public is prepared to revert to the most primary instincts in protecting its rights against the bootlegging. There is no popular horror over the last chapter written in the story of the bootleg swamping. Klein was the first bootleg-gunsman victim against several innocent victims—those who were not involved in any possible way in either gun-toting or booze-importing—Boulder, Colo., Miner.

WAR TIME PROHIBITION.

Ex-Judge John B. Baskin of Louisville, Ky., believes that congress is hasty in passing a law for the enforcement of the national prohibition amendment. He has been consulted in the matter and he expresses the opinion that "the power to pass such a law is granted to congress by the amendment itself," and his contention is that there is no amendment, and will be no amendment, until next January—a year from the date of ratification by the several states. "It is impossible for me to conceive," he says, "how congress can exercise a power until that power is granted, and the amendment does not grant the power until it becomes an amendment. That is to say, the amendment is a scrap of paper until it takes effect."

This is a new view to take of the amendment, and it spells more delay, probably. Undoubtedly, with expert opinion behind them, the distillers and brewers and distributors will contest the validity of the law, which is now being considered in conference at Washington, after it is passed. As such a contest cannot be started until after next January, and as it will be a year, perhaps,

after action begins before a decision is had, vexatious delays and annoyances are in store for the people.

Perhaps by the time a court decision is reached public opinion will have so asserted itself that congress will know just the kind of enforcement law that is wanted, and pass it. Meantime, with so many different interpretations and with so many different notions as to the wisdom of strict enforcement, there is not likely to be much change in the present situation for some time to come.

A reservation of "regret" as to Japan's acquisition of Shantung would be a queer bit of mollycoddism. Why express regret about something that you help perpetrate?

Isn't it a bit interesting to note the alien nativity or near-by foreign parentage of so many of those conspicuous in advocating the internationalism of the league of nations covenant as prepared by alien diplomats at Paris? The new hyphenism seems to be about as objectionable as the old.

Let's get a president next time who will be as anxious to stay in the White House after he gets there as he is to get there.

We know now what the administration's method of destroying the high cost of living is. It's just deliberately going to talk it to death.

Vice President Marshall says that the real cure for the high cost of living is for the people not to live so high. Well, there is more sense in that than in continuing to blame it on the damnable Payne-Aldrich tariff law, under the circumstances.

SWIMMERS IN A RELAY RACE

OAKLAND, Calif., Sept. 17.—Entries will close tomorrow, September 18, for the Pacific coast 220-yard relay swimming championship race which will be held at Idora park here on September 21. For several weeks California swimmers have been preparing for the event.

The team to represent the Olympic club of San Francisco will be chosen from among John Daly, Jim Carson, Dick Julian, Emerson Harrington and Sandy Goodman.

Stockton, Calif., is to be represented by Reg Goldwater, Ralph Cruise, Joe Stout, Les Hickenbotham and James Powell.

The east bay district is to be represented by Edward Miller, Ray Jorgensen, Snook Norris, George Mitchell and Slavin Todd for Alameda; and August Breivik, William Kanakani, William Grace and Eugene Holkamp for the Oakland Athletic club.

St. Mary's college, Oakland, will enter Clarence Lane, Noble Kane and George Schroth and A. Dero.

LEAVE FOR NEW BIRCH CREEK GOLD STRIKE

A party of mining men, composed of S. K. Bradford, representing the Tonopah West End company; J. H. Foster, a prominent operator of California and Nevada; and David Adamson of Unionville, left this morning for the scene of the rich gold strike at Birch Creek, south from Austin.

The find was made by Jack Cahill on property he had been prospecting since February. The ore opened is extremely rich in the precious yellow metal and is now being heralded as one of the richest finds yet made in the state—Humboldt State.

Nobody even went looking for dirt who didn't find it.

BETTER CAFES FOR BRITISH

(Correspondence Associated Press) LONDON, Sept. 17.—Better public houses, an improved tone for saloons, is the newly announced policy of the British liquor trade.

Rear Admiral Sir Reginald Hall, a member of parliament, who was recently elected to the directorate of one of the leading brewing companies of the kingdom, said that representatives of all sections of the trade had drawn up a bill embodying such principles as promotion of sobriety, restriction of drunkenness, reduction of the number of licenses where they are excessive and enlargement of premises so as to provide greater opportunities for social amenities.

"Recreation, including reading rooms, facilities for writing, music and games should be provided," Admiral Hall said. "The entry into the trade of those who would set up and maintain a high social standard should be encouraged to the exclusion of those who might bring discredit on the industry."

VATICAN CHOIR BOYS GRANTED U. S. ENTRY

NEW YORK, Sept. 18.—After a brief hearing before a board of special inquiry this afternoon, boy members of the Vatican choir, who had been previously refused permission to enter the country by the immigration authorities, were allowed to join the remainder of the party.

The choir of seventy voices, which is to make a tour of the United States and Canada, includes twelve priests. Its oldest member, Tomaso Mori, who is 70 years old, has been a member of the organization since he was 9 and still retains his soprano voice. The youngest member of the choir is only 8 years old. Rev. Canon Monsignor Rafele C. Casimiri, special chamberlain to the pope, accompanied the choir as its director.

PLANE CLIMBS 34000 FEET

MINEOLA, N. Y., Sept. 17.—A new unofficial world's altitude record was established here when Roland Roblens, testing pilot for the Curtiss Aeroplane and Motor corporation, climbed to a height of 34,000 feet—more than six miles—beating the previous world's unofficial record of Adjutant Casale of the French army at Vallouley last June by 564 feet.

It took Roblens an hour to make his new altitude, he said. Then he was as high as his aneroid could register, although his barograph allowed him some leeway beyond, it enabling him to continue climbing for nearly ten minutes more in safety.

He went about 200 feet in that ten minutes he said. During the last "reach" above the range of his aneroid, Roblens made a strange observation, he reported. He found a "temperature lid" about 34,000 feet, above which it was slightly warmer than at 34,000 feet. The thermometer registering forty degrees to four degrees higher than at the 34,000 foot level.

The wind at the peak of his climb, he said, was so strong that his plane was barely able to hold its own with it. So crystal clear was the atmosphere that there seemed no limit to his vision.

At 34,000 feet he experienced a severe pain in his head, but when three-quarters of the way down it left him.

Roblens will attempt to beat the 24,000 foot record officially in a short time, he said after he landed. Because of the informality of his attempt, officials of the Aero club of America, by which the record would have to be approved, were not present.

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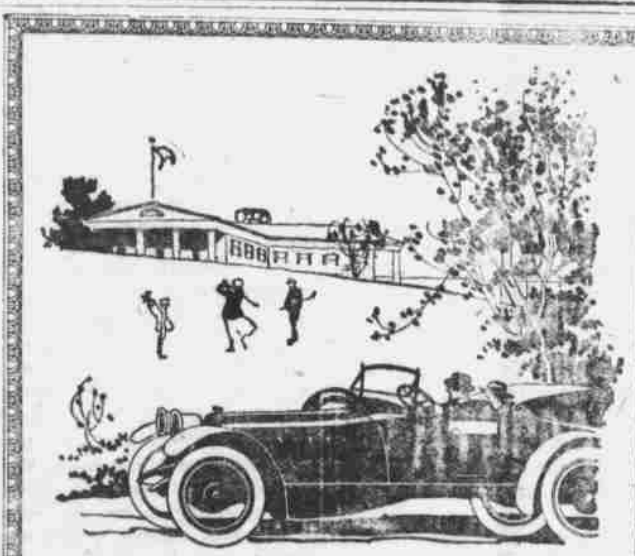
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